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Steelman takes Post

by Curtiss Blackwelder

Since the departure of Captain Howard Sharp and Colonel John Dekle, AMA has been without a Commandant or Assistant Commandant. Colonel M. Harris Livick, Superintendent, has maintained all their jobs while looking for replacements. As of January 3, Lt. Charles Steelman, science teacher, will be helping colonel Livick in the Commandant's Office. Lt. Steelman is a graduate of V.M.I., teacher of science, and coach of cross-country. He says that he is both ready and honored to accept his duties in the Commandant's Office.



Members of the Honor Guard, Robbie Harris, Wes Demory, John Guillott and Scot Seeds, think solemnly, as a prayer is said on Veteran's Day.

Honor Council Appointed

by Carl Schmitz

The Honor Council was recently appointed by Col. Malcolm Livick. The Council's job will be to act as a court in trying the cases of cadets who are charged with lying, cheating or stealing. They also will make sure the sections of the honor code are known and followed by all

members of the cadet corps.

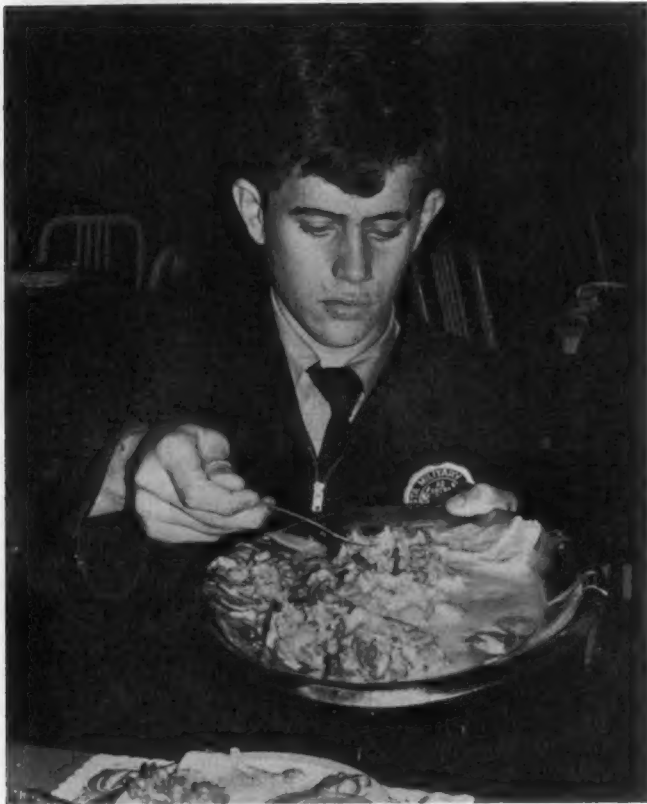
The four student members are Cadet Capt. Curtiss Blackwelder, Lt. Scot Seeds, Lt. Joel Wilks and Lt. Carlos Morales. The faculty members are Capt. Tom Greenwood, Capt. Robert Moore, and Major Mike Ridge. The chairman is Capt. Greenwood.

Ski Trip Doubtful

Bill Cucinotta

An overnight ski trip is not likely to materialize this year. Col. Malcolm Livick stated that the reason for not having a ski trip is that Col. Charles Savedge and he decided over the summer that the majority of the corps wouldn't be able to afford it. When asked about those cadets who could afford the trip, Col. Livick said that there wasn't going to be a ski trip. In my opinion, there is no basis for this reasoning. The ski trips in past years have been enjoyed by cadets. Also why does a majority of the corps have to go or none at all. The past ski trips were certainly not participated in by a majority.

As a compromise for not having a weekend ski trip, Col. Livick suggested that there would be several one day ski trips. But this just isn't the same. I feel that there are enough cadets to make the trip worth Col. Livick's while, because by stopping the annual ski trip, he will disappoint a lot of cadets.



Carlos Teele serves himself a healthy amount of turkey and dressing during the Thanksgiving Day feast.



Painting windows for Halloween, in Staunton, is an experience for Enrique Rivas. He placed third in the competition.



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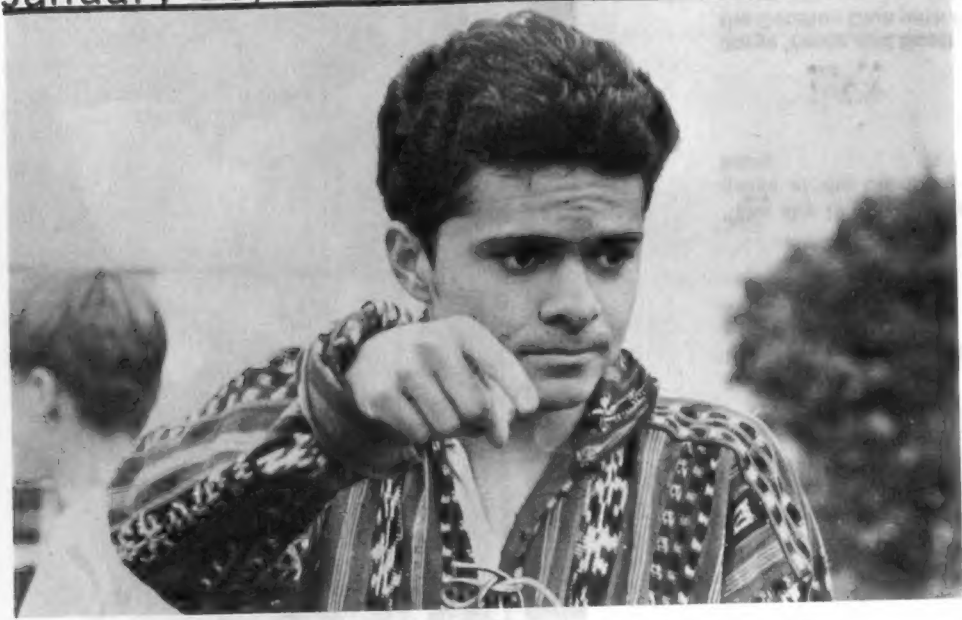
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Hawkeyes Place Fourth

by Curtiss Blackwelder

The Hawkeyes have a chance to win the state match again this year. The rifle team which ended this season with a 4-6 record have three members in the top ten: Jorge Vence, 3rd, Joe Kirby, 4th, and Joel Wilks, 10th. Other members of the team are Victor Passarelli, John Humphreys, Roberto Robles and Wes Demory.

A.M.A. finished fourth in the league with a team average of 1142.7 out of a possible 1300. Vence had the highest stand score in the league with 85 out of 100 and Kirby finished with a high average of 73 for standing position.

Congratulations on a good season and good luck in the finals.



Members of the Rifle Team are: (left to right) bottom row: John Martin, John Humphreys and Victor Passarelli. Top Row: Roberto Robles, Joel Wilks, Wes Demory, and Joe Kirby. (Jorge Vence is not pictured).

Military Dept. Active

by Scot Seeds

On Thursday, December first, SSG Carl Halsell, along with the Pathfinders tested the LD I Classes with the use of simulated battle injuries. The members of LDI had to use their knowledge of first aid to help the victims in real life situations. The students were graded on their performance and most did quite well.

The Military Department is also involved in preparing the corps for the annual

Government Inspection (G.I.). Members of the staff and selected cadets are preparing their briefings which they will give to the inspectors. The history of A.M.A., staff functions, the A.M.A. uniform, and awards and decorations will be the topics covered by the various briefings. The briefing practice has started early so that everything will run smoothly for the G.I. in the Spring.

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Cotillion Club Prepares for Dance



President of the Cotillion Club, Joel Wilks, strings crepe paper to decorate the gym for Parents' Weekend.



Robbie Williams works hard with last minute preparations.

"The sky is falling," says John Jezard as he gazes at the drooping ceiling which is being hung.

Jorge Vence and Scott Johnson join in to help the Cotillion Club with decorating.





Trent Hopkins (66) and Robbie Harris (62) stop a Blue Ridge halfback.

Streaks End Season :3-4

by Carl Schmitz

The football season has come to an end and the Blue Streaks ended up with a better than expected 3 won-4 lost record. They had a chance to get into the VIC playoffs after a 33-6 triumph over Lynchburg Christian. Then came the turning point of the season as the Streaks went down to VSD 7-10. The last game had little meaning as indicated by the 0-44 loss

to Hargrave Military.

This season was one in which a lot of experience was gained for the future. There are a lot of starters returning, including outstanding prospects Tom Scott and John Guillott on offense and David Stokes and Trent Hopkins on defense.

Fencer's Ready

by Bill Cucinotta

This year's fencing team consists of 16 members, 7 members returning from last year and 9 new members. This year's team is larger than last years. Last year there were 10 cadets on the fencing team.

port from the cadets. The team is self-supporting. Team members, their parents, and Colonel Hoover take care of buying and keeping up of the fencing equipment.

Colonel Hoover feels that if fencing is to continue at AMA, we need more sup-

Foil	Epee	Saber
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"Gotch ya", is the thought as Jeff Campbell and Ken Traylor converge on a Blue Ridge rusher.



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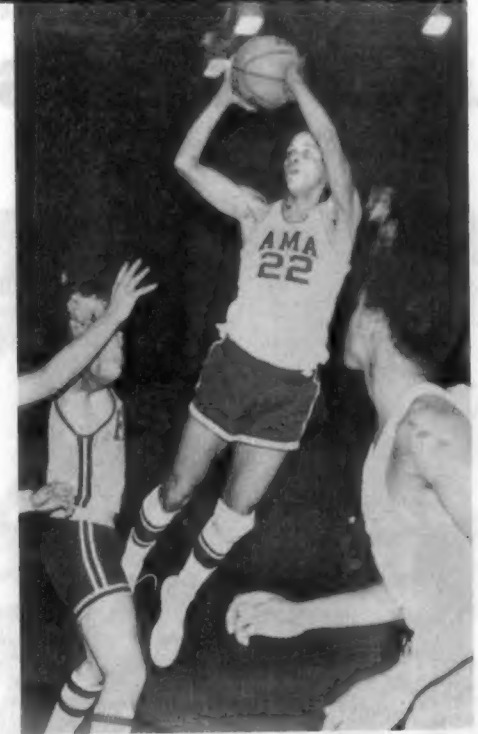
Tough Year for Basketball

by Carl Schmitz

Basketball season is here and the Augusta Blue Streaks are ready. The Streaks are coming off of an '18-2 season but are faced with the loss of 8 lettermen. AMA must overcome a lack of experience along with a lack of size. They must rely on overall team quickness and defense. This year's team will utilize a wide open offense and a tough man-to-man defense, waiting to capitalize on the other teams mistakes. If unable to overcome the lack of size and experience, it could be a long season.

This season's team has three returning lettermen: Arthur Yarborough, James Creek and Robert Montgomery. The starting five consists of Rock Butler at point Tom Scott and Yarborough at the wings, and Creek and Montgomery or John Guillott at the post. The rest of the team consists of Tony Irvin, Mark O'Brien, Todd Livick, and David Stokes.

The first game was on December 2nd against a big VSD team. With a lot of hustle by the players and corps support, Augusta will surely have another fine season.



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